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52 cholera cases in Syria

'Talks on Thieu's future' Kissinger in secret Paris talks with Hanoi envoys

JMASCUS (UPI). — Fifty-two cases of cholera have been reported in the eastern Syrian governorate Deir el-Zor, close to the Iraqi border, Health Minister Mahmoud Sada said yesterday. The government has launched an anti-cholera inoculation campaign throughout the country, and the World Health Organization and all neighboring countries have been notified of the outbreak, the minister said. Sada met yesterday with Iraqi Ambassador Oudh al-Bandi to discuss a joint anti-cholera measure which will be taken by the two countries.

Decision deferred on holding chess Olympiad here

PARIS (Reuters). — A Soviet-led bid to defer a decision allowing Israel to stage the 1976 world chess Olympiad was successful at the meeting of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) annual congress in Moscow yesterday. The decision was made to allow Israel to participate in the Olympiad, but the final decision on whether to host it will be made next year.



Senator Thomas Eagleton, (right) the first Democratic vice-presidential candidate, who was forced to resign from the ticket after revealing he had suffered nervous breakdowns in the past, campaigns with Senator George McGovern in St. Louis. Senator Eagleton introduced his former running-mate as "a very decent man, an outstanding leader and my very good friend." (AP Radiophoto)

Mexican train crew had 'liquor, women' in cab

Arab League peace envoys in Sana'a

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — The crew of a train which crashed on the northern town of Saltillo Friday, killing at least 189 people and injuring more than 1,000, alcohol and women with them, he cab, police said yesterday. The train, packed with holiday-makers returning from a festivity, was derailed by a landslide which bent in one of Mexico's steepest rail disastres. The train was pulled off the tracks by the twisted wreckage on Friday, 24 hours after the disaster. Rescuers expected to find still many people dead.

Police said one of the train crew, a woman, was admitted during the investigation that the crew let three women on board the train who had no tickets. One of the girls carried a bottle of liquor — Mexican liquor — they drank together during the train. One of the girls was dead, the girl with Sanchez died in the tent. The other two girls were still alive, police said. The women have been detained on charges of homicide, injury and age to public property through negligence.

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ADEN. — The Arab League mediation committee yesterday arrived in the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) capital of Sana'a in its search for a settlement of the border dispute with the Yemen People's Democratic Republic (South Yemen), Sana'a radio reported. The mediators, from Syria, Kuwait, Algeria, Libya and Egypt, left here yesterday morning, flying via Djibouti, after spending three days hearing the South Yemen case on the recent clashes along the common border. Sana'a radio, monitored here, said the committee attended a dinner given in their honour yesterday evening by the North Yemen Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. The committee is led by the Arab League's assistant secretary-general, Dr. Salim al-Yari. Also at the dinner were two members of an Iraq mission which has arrived in Sana'a after two days of talks in Aden. The special envoy of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Ahmed al-Masri, who is making parallel mediation efforts, returned here from North Yemen yesterday for further talks in Aden. There has so far been no indication of the basis on which the Egyptian and Iraqi missions are making their parallel moves to reconcile the two Yemens, or whether their approach differs from that of the Arab League. The League mission has three objectives: to arrange a cease-fire, secure a mutual withdrawal of troops and prevent military concentrations which might lead to a renewal of fighting. Meanwhile in Beirut, the South Yemen embassy said yesterday that North Yemen troops have occupied the South Yemen island of Kamaran in the Red Sea. An embassy statement said the

Reds beat Pirates to even playoffs

PITTSBURGH (AP). — Bobby Tolson and Tony Ferges each tagged two-run doubles in Cincinnati's four-run first inning and the Reds rode Tom Hall's clutch relief pitching to a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday to even the National League playoffs at one game apiece. The teams move to Cincinnati today for the third game of the best-of-five-series for the league pennant.

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Bombs blast terrorist offices in Lebanon

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Several bombs exploded before dawn yesterday at the headquarters of terrorist organizations in Beirut, reportedly injuring two persons. Different radio stations gave differing versions of the targets and damages, while Lebanon Radio itself didn't even mention the explosions. The Lebanese were apparently trying to play down the incidents, which come at a time when they are just settling their disputes with the terrorists. It appeared from the differing reports that the organizations hit were Fatah, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the roof body of the terrorist movement. The first explosion, at the P.L.O., occurred 15 minutes after midnight, destroying a brick wall and shattering windows. A guard posted outside the building was slightly wounded by splinters of broken glass, reports said. The Palestine news agency, Wafa, which speaks for the terrorist movement, said the explosion was apparently caused by a stick of dynamite hurled from a speeding car. A few minutes later, a similar explosion rocked the Shattila refugee camp, near Beirut International Airport, where the Fatah headquarters are located, the sources said. The explosion occurred at an uninhabited area of the camp, produced a loud noise but no casualties or damage, the agency said. But other reports said a guard was also wounded here. Refugees were reported to have taken to the streets in panic following the blast. The head of the P.L.O. office in Beirut, Shafiq al-Hout, yesterday issued a press statement holding Israel responsible for the explosions. The bomb attacks occurred only two days after the terrorists had bombed the reception section of the Jordanian embassy in Beirut causing slight damage. It was not known whether yesterday's attacks were a reply to the one at the embassy. A clandestine movement named "Support Lebanon" has claimed responsibility for an earlier wave of attacks against the terrorists through booby-trapped letters. The group was protesting the terrorist presence in Lebanon and clashes with Israel caused by the terrorists. The same group is believed to be opposed to the recent agreement between the Lebanese government and the terrorists allowing the latter to stay in the country, but not in the south.

Sadat drops call for government-in-exile

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat appears to have dropped his call for Palestinians to form a government-in-exile due to its rejection by most Palestinian circles. The Palestinian terrorist leadership said yesterday that Sadat now agrees that "the Palestinian people, represented by the Palestinian Liberation Organization, (P.L.O.), is entitled to decide on its own position." In an official statement issued in Cairo, the terrorist leadership said Sadat fully agreed that the P.L.O. should be the official representative of the Palestinian people. The statement said the agreement was reached at a meeting held in Cairo with a high-level P.L.O. delegation Saturday night. The statement said the five-man delegation assured Sadat the P.L.O. would make every possible effort to strengthen its role as "the sole and legal representative of the Palestinian Arab people." That statement by the terrorist leadership reportedly made it certain they would keep the present P.L.O. framework, and thus reject Sadat's proposal to set up a government-in-exile as a substitute. Sadat's proposal was originally opposed by the radical sabotage groupings headed by the "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine" of Dr. George Habash. The P.F.L.P. weekly magazine, "Al-Hadath," charged last weekend that Sadat's call was aimed at liquidating the terrorist movement. The proposal was rejected also by the Syrian-backed "A-Saleh." This organization reflects the position of Damascus, Cairo's partner in a tripartite federation which also embraces Tripoli. Officially none of the Arab countries reacted to the Sadat proposal, with the exception of Jordan which termed it a "maldicious trick." Cairo did not mention Sadat's evident retreat from his call for a government-in-exile. The Egyptian press continued to emphasize that Sadat's "only aim was to consolidate unity" within the terrorist movement. It now appears that Sadat's proposal has been another unsuccessful and miscalculated venture. There evidently were two main purposes to the call: first, to create an official Palestinian body to take over the responsibilities Cairo has been bearing for the Palestinians and second, to guarantee an official Fatah takeover of Palestinian affairs and to offset anti-Egyptian circles within the terrorist movement, Jordan, and the administered territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Allon, Dayan collide in Cabinet

JERUSALEM Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A proposal to place Deputy Premier Yigal Alon in charge of all government information, publicity and propaganda services has run into stiff opposition inside the Cabinet, it was confirmed by Labour Party circles here yesterday. Mr. Alon, as Minister of Education, is already the minister responsible for the State Broadcasting Authority. According to the latest proposal, stemming from a study of the government's publicity efforts now dispersed among the ministries, the Deputy Premier would coordinate all media, information, publicity and propaganda at home. This would, in the view of many in the Labour Party, be an undue concentration of power and funds in the hands of one minister. It is understood that Defence Minister Moshe Dayan spearheaded the opposition in the Cabinet to such a

Sidky's trip 'not prelude' to return of Soviet forces

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter
A leading Cairo editor said yesterday that Egyptian Premier Aziz Sidky's visit to Moscow next week-end will in no way be a prelude to a Soviet military comeback in Egypt. Sidky's talks with the Kremlin leaders will be confined to establishing a new framework for Russo-Egyptian relations, in the light of latest developments, he said. Moussa Sabry, editor-in-chief of the daily "Al-Akhdar," said that there had been no change in Egyptian strategy. Recalling President Anwar Sadat's decision of July 8, he noted that it consisted of three principles: termination of the Soviet military experts mission, an Egyptian takeover of the Soviet military installations and a call for the establishment of a clear basis for Cairo-Moscow relations. Sabry said that the Egyptian Premier would explore the third principle; the first two "were an expression of the Egyptian national will. They have never been subject to discussion," he emphasized. "The Prime Minister's forthcoming talks have no relation whatsoever to these decisions," he said, adding that "the idea has never been that we would renounce them (the principles) if Moscow gave us what we wanted."

'Egypt expelling Sudanese troops from Canal area'

JERUSALEM Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Khartoum said yesterday that Egypt has asked that the remaining Sudanese troops stationed in the Suez Canal Zone be recalled. The Egyptian request was reported by the official Sudanese news agency, which said that "the Egyptian authorities are expelling the Sudanese troops." The Sudanese agency said that Cairo "has asked the Sudan to withdraw its remaining troops from the front as a reply to the withdrawal by Sudan of some of its forces who have been there, waiting for the battle, for more than five years." Sudan pulled out some of its troops a few days ago at the height of the crisis with Egypt over Khartoum's ban on five Libyan plane-loads of troops from overflying Sudanese territory to go to the aid of Ugandan President Idi Amin in his fight with Tanzania. The Sudanese troops in the Suez area were at that time believed to have numbered just over 2,000 infantrymen, in addition to a small artillery contingent.

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JERUSALEM Post Reporter
The latter, in turn, would pass his application on for approval to the special inter-ministerial committee for administered area affairs. The Government incentives for industrial projects in development areas are substantial. They include special low interest loans and grants for the construction of buildings, working capital, and training of workers. As an "A" priority project, any new business enterprises in the administered areas — commercial, manufacturing or service — will qualify for a loan of up to 50 per cent of needed working capital at the low annual interest rate of nine per cent per annum; with only 20 per cent of the capital having to be put up by the investor himself. The Economic Ministers yesterday also approved the construction of a 20,000-ton drydock at Israel Shipyards, in Haifa's Kishon Harbour, at a cost of IL27.7m. Two years ago a similar drydock was sold to Greek interests at a profit of approximately IL2.5m.

Koppel C'ttee findings submitted to Cabinet

JERUSALEM Post Reporter
Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday submitted to the Cabinet the results of the Koppel Committee's investigation into the slaying of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, as well as her own recommendations. Her report also said to have included the conclusions reached by the official German investigation. There was no debate on the Prime Minister's report, or her recommendations, which were presented to the Ministers only shortly before the actual meeting. Today Mrs. Meir will report to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, and at some unspecified date in the near future to the plenum. Mr. Koppel himself was not at yesterday's meeting nor was Aluf Abaron Yarov — former Chief of Intelligence recently named as special adviser to the Prime Minister and supposedly placed in charge of security matters. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mordechai Gazit, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, who was invited in the absence of Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who is abroad.

Jordan expels Iraq news agency head

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Jordan has expelled Mr. Fuad al-Khalli, director of the Iraq news agency office in Amman, the agency said here yesterday. It said Mr. Khalli was arrested in Amman on Saturday, questioned and then taken under guard to the Syrian border.

Other Committee

Other committee he has left is the hitherto inactive central committee for (Israeli) Arab affairs, which his representative will henceforth not sit. This body was set up in 1952 by the then advisor to the Prime Minister on Arab Affairs, Mr. Yehoshua Palmon (today an assistant to Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek). At the time the military government still operated, Mr. Dayan is said to feel such a committee is no longer needed. Apparently the issue came to a head when the incumbent adviser, Mr. Shmuel Toledano sought to revive the committee. No confirmation was available for the report that Mr. Toledano's stand opposing the Government on the Birim-Tiric issue has anything to do with Mr. Dayan's move.

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Law aimed at extending free schooling

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Yigal Alon is planning to ask for legislation extending compulsory education to an additional two years, on the age of four to 16, the education ministry spokesman said yesterday. He will also propose that kindergarten fees for three-year-olds be graded. Compulsory education at present begins with kindergarten at the age of five and ends with the completion of grade nine, the third year of the intermediate (junior high) school at the age of 15. Under the new legislation pupils will have to complete grade 10, the first year of high school. The additional year of schooling will be free. Grade nine is included in the free schooling system only this year.

The decision to extend compulsory education to the four-year age group follows recommendations by a committee of educators and psychologists headed by Prof. Seymour Fox, rector of the Hebrew University's school of Education. The committee also recommended that under certain circumstances kindergarten children should be mixed with first grade pupils.

Teachers wait for reply by Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — The dispute between a Secondary School Teachers Association and the Ministry of Education apparently has been put into storage for a week after the ministry invited association chairman Mr. Reuven Aviram to air teachers' complaints before the Ministerial Committee on Economic Affairs next Sunday.

The Ministry, however, has failed to reply to teachers' demands that air real pay has been regressing compared to that of other professions. This is especially true of the engineers, to whose pay the teachers' salaries are linked, the teachers maintain. They have asked for an inquiry to be conducted to determine whether their grievances are justified or not and were promised a reply from the Ministry during the last week of October. The reply did not come, and the teachers were hoping that it might come yesterday.

MUST HAVE INQUIRY

The teachers say that without an inquiry they will not sign a new agreement. The 44-member general council of the association had empowered its executive to take any steps, including strike, it sees fit if the awaited reply does not come at the time envisaged by the Ministry. That the school is still in operation is not a hindrance, although the teachers' meeting with the ministers in Jerusalem.

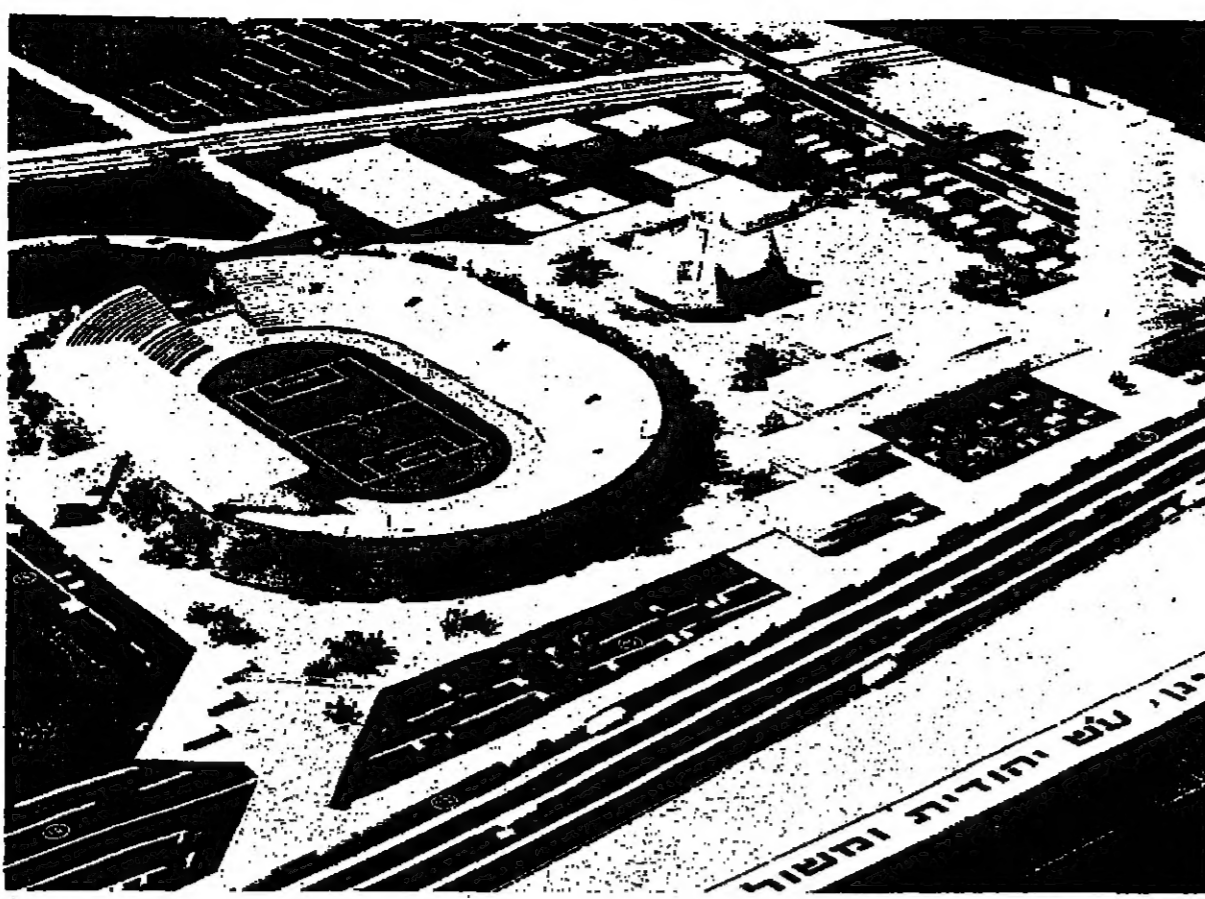
Mr. Aviram says that the teachers were not given up on their demands such as an inquiry and will continue to await the promised Ministry answer "for a few more days" is week.

Agricultural Yeshiva teachers demand work compensation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A warning strike was held at the agricultural Yeshiva in Kfar Haroeh at Hadera yesterday. The strike protested against "the unwillingness of the agricultural department of the Ministry of Education to pay compensation to teachers whose teaching hours had been reduced," Mr. Yacov Aloni, chairman of the teachers' Committee, said. He said the school will be notified that there will be a longer strike in two weeks if the teachers' demands were not met. About seven of the school's 11 teachers had been "fired" last year and this year by the Ministry, Aloni said, and some had their hours halved.

Olympic Centre for Ramat Gan



An agreement for the putting up of an Olympic Sports Centre was signed in Ramat Gan yesterday. It will bear the name of millionaire Meshulam Riklis who is donating \$1m. towards the project. The centre was originally to be put up jointly with the Tel Aviv Municipality which, however, objected to naming it after Mr. Riklis. Ramat Gan finally decided to go it alone and the municipality here is to contribute IL2.5m. to the project. Sports organizations have undertaken to come up with another IL1,050,000 and a similar sum will be contributed by the Ministry of Education.

The 570-dunam centre, model above, will be put up adjacent to the city stadium. The renovated stadium will be incorporated in the centre which would also include an indoor heated swimming pool, ball courts, shooting ranges, tennis courts, soccer fields as well as a 5,000-car parking lot. At a later stage a hotel and an athletes motel will be constructed.

Underwater antiquities being rifled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dr. Elisha Linder of Haifa University complained yesterday that underwater antiquities sites were being rifled by fishermen who spled on the divers of the Underwater Archaeology Association.

Bronze figures, silver and gold coins had vanished lately from offshore sites along the northern coast and were being sold for foreign currency to tourists from overseas, he said. The question of how to stop such violations of the antiquities regulations, he added, had not yet been solved.

Figurines, part of the cargo of a ship which sank off the coast near Shaveh Zion 2,400 years ago, have been retrieved by a joint expedition of the Haifa University, the Underwater Archaeology Association and the Haifa Maritime Museum.

The figurines, ranging in length from 13 to 40 cms, are mainly of the goddess Tanit of Carthage. Many are in good condition.

Dr. Linder told the press on Friday that the finds dated to the Phoenician-Persian period of the fifth century B.C.E. They pointed to extensive cultural and religious relations between Mediterranean cultures. It has not been established where the ship was headed when she sank, but he believed that she may have been on her way from Carthage to Phoenicia.

The expedition is to resume work at the site at a later date. In order to prevent interference from amateur divers, all markings have been removed and Antiquity Department inspectors have been asked to keep an eye open for unauthorized search parties.

Panther booth still stands

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Panther booth in the middle of Dizengoff Circle is still there, 17 days after it was put up, and the city is only now planning consultations on how best to deal with the problem, Mr. Benjamin Nees, Deputy Chief of the City Inspection Corps, had assured *The Jerusalem Post* last week that the booth would be down "on Sunday at the very latest."

The police spokesman said yesterday that the police have repeatedly asked the city to pull down the illegal structure in the circle as it causes obstruction to passersby and can potentially be a source of violence.

Soccer stadium for J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem will get a 23,000-seat football stadium within four years under an agreement arrived at yesterday between the Municipality and the Government.

The stadium will be located on a hill just north of Ramat Eshkol. It will be the central feature of a 1,700-dunam park and sports centre stretching westward from Shuafat.

At yesterday's meeting between Mayor Teddy Kollek, Finance Minister Pichas Sapir and Education Minister Yigal Alon, the ministers committed the government to providing the bulk of the financing for the IL25m. stadium. At least \$2m. (IL3.4m.) has already been pledged by foreign donors for the project through the Jerusalem Foundation.

The architect heading the master plan team for the sports centre is a Mexican immigrant, Pasquel Ercid, who was involved in planning of sports facilities in Mexico City for the 1968 Olympics.

Jerusalem's two National League teams, Betar and Hapoel, will shift their games to the stadium upon its completion. Betar at present plays in the YMCA stadium (5,000-man capacity) and Hapoel in the stadium on Rachel Imenu Street (8,000 capacity). The two teams will also be provided training fields in the new sports centre.

Mr. Kollek has suggested dedicating the sports centre in the memory of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes murdered in Munich.

Argentine team loses in Athens

TEL AVIV. — The South American soccer champions, Independiente, of Argentina, due to play the Israel Selected at Ramat Gan on Wednesday, scored a 1:0 win over Panathinikos of Athens yesterday.

The Israel "possibles" gathered in Ashkelon yesterday in preparation for Wednesday's game.

Steel rails imported

HAIFA. — Israel Railways has imported 500 tons of steel rails from Luxembourg and 17,000 wooden sleepers from Australia, at a cost of IL300,000. Part of them are to be used on the reconstruction of the Haifa-Nahariya line for which the Transport Ministry has allocated IL5m. When the work is completed, travel time will be halved to 30 minutes.

German and Briton barred from entry

LOD AIRPORT. — Two passengers, one German and the other British, were barred from entering Israel yesterday by Lod Airport police.

The two men came on the same BOAC flight. The 32-year-old British subject's passport was not in order, and he did not have sufficient funds to support himself in Israel. The German, 37, had been convicted of disorderly conduct while on a visit to Israel about a year ago.

The British passenger was put aboard a BOAC flight to London, while the German sent back aboard a flight to Frankfurt. (Itm)

Four more held in Carmel Market extortion racket

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Four more alleged members of a gang which has been extorting money from Carmel Market stall owners were remanded yesterday by the Magistrate's Court here — three for 15 days, and one, Elisha Mizrahi, of Neve Shaan, for 10 days.

The other three are Levi Eliahu, Elisha Shmaryahu and Shimon Gulicharu, all from Tel Aviv. All four men operate stands in the Carmel Market.

Police, who have been working around the clock for over a week on the case, said the extortionists tried to force the stand owners either to sell their stands (so the gang would be able to

resell the stands at a profit), or to pay protection money.

Carmel Market merchants have been paying the gang's "collectors" thousands of pounds per week in protection money, police said.

During their investigation, police said, they searched a restaurant in the Carmel Market and found 500 L.S.D. pills in the possession of two employees — Issak Shahad, 19, of Hebron, and Avraham Zakal, 55, of here. An additional quantity of L.S.D. and hashish was found in their homes, police said. The two men were yesterday remanded for 15 days.

On Friday, two members of the extortion gang were given jail sentences and another suspect, Israel Cohen, 38, was remanded for 10 days.

Stall owners reportedly sceptical as to the total effectiveness of the current police action, are said to fear the gang's vengeance on those merchants who are cooperating with the police. (Itm)

Officials soft on violence, judge says

TEL AVIV. — A local magistrate yesterday criticized the Absorption Ministry and other Government offices for giving in to the demands of immigrants who use violent methods to get satisfaction.

The criticism came in the trial of Mazza and Dina Cohen, formerly of Morocco, who went berserk in the Tel Aviv offices of the Absorption Ministry last month because they had received a flat in Lod instead of Ramle, their first choice.

When Magistrate's Court Judge Boris Rappoport learned that the authorities after the incident had given the couple a flat in Ramle, he said:

"This is wrong procedure, both on the part of the ofim and of the officials involved. By yielding to violence, government officials only encourage this kind of behaviour."

The Judge sentenced the couple to one month in jail in addition to a six-month suspended sentence.

Bathing season ends (officially)

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The bathing season ended officially yesterday, and most lifeguard stations have closed down, Mr. Levi Guery, the Interior Ministry's Assistant Director-General in charge of Special Duties, announced yesterday.

Mr. Guery reminded the public that bathing at beaches not supervised by lifeguards was forbidden by law. However, lifeguards are remaining on duty at certain beaches in the Tel Aviv, Netanya and Haifa areas, he said.

Court order to censor on Keinan play

The High Court of Justice has asked the Film and Theatre Censorship Board to explain its reasons for banning Amos Keinan's play, "Friends Tell About Jesus."

Keinan, who applied for an order nisi against the Censorship Board, told the High Court yesterday the only reason cited by the Board for banning his play was that it denigrates "values sacred to a portion of the Israel public." This reason, stated Keinan, constitutes an infringement on freedom of artistic expression and on freedom of social criticism.

"A regime which assumes the right to establish that there are 'sacred values' — without specifying what they are or by what criteria they were determined — and which bans works critical of the society and the regime by saying they violate these so-called sacred values, in fact dictates to its citizens how to think — this is the greatest contradiction to democracy," the application stated.

Keinan added that the Censorship Board has allowed, in recent years, many plays which were no less critical of so-called sacred values than his play.

The High Court will continue its hearing of the application in a month's time, after it receives the explanations it asked the Censorship Board to submit. (Itm)

Wild Iranian sheep brought to reserve

TEL AVIV. — Twenty-four wild sheep from the Azerbaijan region in northwest Iran have been brought by the Nature Reserves Authority and are now at the Yotvata Wild Life Reserve. The decision where they will be kept has not been made.

The sheep, of which 18 are ewes, are of a sub-species which had been numerous in this part of the world but vanished with the advancement of culture. They are now found only in the mountains of Kurdistan and Azerbaijan.

This particular batch was rounded up by Iranians and Giora Ilani of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority, who brought the sheep from Azerbaijan. El Al has financed the operation. (Itm)

A PLANELOAD OF BOOKS, consisting of 21,000 copies of Abba Eban's new book in English — "My Country" — was shipped on Saturday night to New York aboard an El Al Boeing 707. The entire plane was taken up with the books and carried no passengers. The book has been published by Weidenfeld and Nicholson in Jerusalem, in cooperation with Random House in the U.S.

Two Russian immigrants held in airport fracas

LOD AIRPORT. — Two Russian immigrants were arrested here on Saturday night after eruption of violence in which Absorption Ministry officials were manhandled and office furniture smashed.

The names of the two men were not given, but "Itim" said they were members of three families which had arrived from Vienna on Friday. Demanding that they be settled together, the families were told this was impossible.

The head of one of the families, Mr. Piotr Zidenfeld, being an engineer, was assigned, with his wife and children, to an absorption centre for professionals. The other two families, including Mr. Zidenfeld's brother, were given a choice of immediate housing in Upper Nazareth, Kfar Saba, Sderot, Ofakim, Beit Shמשah or Tiberias.

The families refused to budge and were finally evicted from the airport terminal to the street outside. Shortly afterwards they seized as "hostage" a passing woman Ministry employee, on her way home from work. But the woman was rescued by two El Al bus drivers.

Later, the families left the airport to spend the Sabbath with relatives. They returned on Saturday night, however, accompanied by some of their relatives. Two of the men forced their way past the police guards, breaking into the Absorption Ministry offices, where they allegedly assaulted an employee and smashed the furniture. They were arrested and taken into custody.

Police nab scalpers and hoodlums

TEL AVIV. — Seven ticket scalpers were arrested here Saturday night by police squads especially assigned to "eliminate hoodlums."

The suspects, aged 14 to 23, were detained for questioning, and dozens of tickets to the Esther and Chem cinemas, found in their possession, were confiscated. (Itm)

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MINISTERS of Information are often linked with dictatorial regimes and thought control, at least in the spy novels. The last time a proposition of this type was brought up in the government was in 1970, after very persistent complaints that Israel was falling to explain its case adequately abroad and that the Arabs had captured the ears of the world. The Minister proposed at the time was to be Mr. Yisrael Galili, a close associate and adviser of Prime Minister Meir, but a man more apt to guard his secrets than to present convincing evidence to the public. Foreign Minister Eban protested violently — and with much justification — that the conveying of Israel's point of view to the world at large was one of the major tasks of his ministry. Would the press in Washington, for instance, be briefed by a Ministry of Information man not subject to the authority of the ambassador on the spot? And who would decide on the policy this official would disseminate, Mr. Galili or himself? Mr. Eban threatened to resign over the issue, and ended up with a larger budget than before, and continued control of all information abroad, though not at home.

rected at servicemen, is specialized and cannot be produced by Mr. Alon's "professionals." The Defence Ministry has its magazine "Bamahane" (In Camp), which is popular, and resented often enough by other news media for the preview it often has of news stories of army interest, as well as Galei Zahal, its broadcasting station, whose relative liveliness is attributed to the lack of government red tape, as well as minor publications. The Defence Ministry also has the advantage of being able to use either regular servicemen or newsmen on reserve duty, at little cost. It was scarcely to be expected that Mr. Dayan would welcome the suggestion that in future these media should be controlled and directed by Mr. Alon, with whom he does not see eye to eye on many subjects, including such major issues as the future of the occupied areas and even the most suitable candidates for premier.

Hippies avoid Calcutta

MY state of chronic indignation, steadily nurtured by the pointless letters of Ministry spokesmen in the daily press, exploded into near-apoplexy last week when I read a report in The Jerusalem Post of a press conference given in Tel Aviv by Dr. S. Krishnamoorthy, Director of India's Consumer Council.

With Prejudice

has become almost unrecognizable but still represents a threat to Western society. It is inconceivable for me that a religion which considers it more important to be holy than to be fed should have such appeal for today's youth, and yet the whole drug culture is modelled on Hindu forms. The Beatles and Dr. Timothy Leary promoted their weird mixture of bhong (cannabis), sitar music and meditation and the material plenty of the West was mocked and despised, though not to the point where they actually divested themselves of its creature comforts. Interestingly enough, Moorhouse points out that Hippies avoid Calcutta where the true horror of India's reality is all too evident.



A hindu sadhu (holy man) and a young devotee—more important to be holy than to be fed.



Yoga classes in their thousands, study the Maharishi's system of Transcendental Meditation in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, or actually worship an idol of Hari Krishna at a shrine in Ra'anana.

KRAG GOES AS DANES SAY 'YES' TO EUROPE

By ROLAND HUNTFORD COPENHAGEN (Oftas) — DENMARK'S Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag has retired at the apex of his political career. It was his long-standing ambition to take Denmark into Europe and last week his country voted by a large majority in favour of joining the European Economic Community.

hence Danish agriculture itself would be strangled. Nevertheless, this is not the whole story. Beforehand, politicians had expected a modest "yes" of around 52 to 53 per cent. This was on the assumption that the electorate would be motivated by economic considerations alone. But in the event, there were three other influences to swell the majority.

change. The Socialist People's Party, a national Communist grouping, was the only party represented in the Folketing (Parliament) to oppose E.E.C. membership. Its chairman, Mr. Morten Lauge, admitted that staying out of the Common Market would cost Denmark dear, but implied that it would be a good thing. He and other party leaders explained publicly how they would use the situation to compel the ruling Social Democrats to pass radical measures, including severe control of industry and what amounted to the conscription of capital. It was a plausible threat, since the Social Democrats, holding only 70 out of the Folketing's 179 seats, often depend on the Socialist People's Party's 17 seats for parliamentary survival.

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Black market dollars

Davar (Histadrut) finds it difficult to understand the righteous indignation with which different factors greeted reports that the Government had for years been active in the foreign currency black market. Justifying the Government action, the paper writes: "Had the Government permitted the creation of too large a difference between the official and Black Market currency rates, this would have promoted processes hastening the need for devaluation. It would also have led to an increase in the extent of Black Market trading, and an enhancement of the profitability of illegal activities."

seductive proposals Israel might make would not cure the Arab sense of frustration. It is only the present state of strategic affairs which stops the Arabs from launching another war, the paper concludes. Ascribing great value to Bonn's and Washington's actions against terrorism, Hatzofe (National Religious) sees every prospect for such action being kept up if Israel keeps on insisting that Europe and the United States persist in fighting terrorism.

Readers' letters

Raya 'stands up for Israel'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Because I believe there are many important issues at hand: the future of justice in this country, the foundation of trust in our Supreme Court, the understanding between Jews and Arabs, as well as the need for the people of Likud and Kfar Berem to be heard and to receive justice, I have refrained from responding to any of the articles and letters concerning me personally that have appeared in your paper. I by-passed Mark Segal's "The ambitious Archbishop," which I called the trumpets of Jericho and some malicious remarks in "The Archbishops Give Advice" by Les Ben Dor on September 8. I used to think I was the only Archbishop in Israel, but you discovered two others and Jewish ones at that!

among my friends and acquaintances both here and abroad, I am impelled to write. In particular in response to the latest "Raya and Co-existence" in "Letters to the Editor" (September 19). I must make known that I have always protested in public and in private against the discrimination of the Jews in Syria, in Iraq and many other places. It is precisely because of my defence of Jews and my loyalty to the State of Israel, that I am still forbidden entry into Syria and into Egypt, where I wanted to carry out the cross but the Star of David, and that for more than two years I was denied entry into Lebanon. I do not consider this "indifference" to the plight of the Jews, nor "easy access" to the countries named.

JOSEPH M. RAYA Archbishop of Galilee

Golda's time for Mapam

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The gist of Moshe Shamir's complaint against the "Black Sheep" is that the Information and Information Department of the World Zionist Organization ("To laugh or to cry," September 24) is that the magazine "Betfutot Ha-Golah" proposes to interview the group of writers who had a long meeting with Golda Meir over the Bir'im affair and that "all those 20 writers (except for one black sheep) speak more or less in the language of Mapam." Moshe Shamir detects in this "a calculated interest, a plot, to seize the opportunity of providing a small service to a small political party... to demonstrate to some branch of Mapam abroad, to some leftist group here or there... that the writers of Israel are all right; that they are with us."

decision was expressed not only by writers but also by leading academic circles and others: never mind that as far as one knows, only two out of the 20 writers belong to Mapam. Regardless of these and other factual considerations, Moshe Shamir chooses the easy way out and accuses the whole bunch of "speaking more or less in the language of Mapam." If we have here "an elegant exercise in pulling the wool over people's eyes," the question is who is fooling whom... For if the Prime Minister saw fit to spend some hours of her valuable time with a group of concerned writers, is it not fitting that the Zionist Information Department should relate equally seriously to the group, to the issues involved and to a total outlook on problems concerning our human and Jewish image, and our essence as a society. The whole group is indisputably Zionist, which ultimately is the only real criterion for a Zionist magazine like "Betfutot Ha-Golah" working within the broad spectrum of Zionist consensus.

DE. I. GOSTINSEA Jerusalem, September 27.

Stopping at the curbstone

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mr. Kohn's letter about queue-jumping on September 11 provoked a nice footnote to the Egged spokesman's explanation to Mr. Ben Dor on September 8 about why his bus drivers do not stop at the curb — unlike their colleagues abroad. Mr. Shlomo refrained from mentioning what is common knowledge — that this is far from being the first time he has received such complaints. Yet over many years, the complaints have yielded no results at all. This only proves that Egged drivers (1) have not been properly trained, and (2) do what is easiest for them without regard for the convenience of the public.

Bigged driver pull right up to the curb. It is true that an occasional car is wrongly parked, but it is not so in "most cases," as Mr. Shlomo claims. Egged's bus drivers should be careful to draw right up to the curb, but can be told us exactly when they were last reminded of this duty and in letters such as this are ever brought to their notice — a supposition which is borne out by the drivers' own statements in my conversations with them. Equally important, I believe no regulations do not allow stopping more than 20 cm. from the curb. Yet none of us has ever seen with an Egged driver who blatantly stops way out from the curb.

E. GIGGY Jerusalem, September 13.

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